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THINK FOOD
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USDA FOODS

The OPI USDA Foods order form is available online for placing your USDA Foods order for school year 2014-15. Click on the following link <https://apps.opi.mt.gov/USDAFoods/frmLogin.aspx> to go directly to the login page.

The deadline for placing orders is **January 24, 2014**. If you have questions about the order refer to the instructions just below the USDA Foods Ordering Programs button at http://opi.mt.gov/Programs/SchoolPrograms/School_Nutrition/index.html or contact the OPI Food Distribution office at (406) 444-4415.



DoD UPDATE

Through the month of November schools participating in the DoD Fresh program have spent 36 percent of the entitlement dollars set aside for the purchase of fresh fruits and vegetables.

If you have not begun making purchases in the FFavors program to use your DoD funds, please do so soon. The

entitlement set aside for the DoD program is "use or lose" and any dollars left unspent at the end of fiscal year 2014 will be lost.

SEND WORD NOW SELF UPDATE

Send Word Now is the rapid alert notification system used to notify National School Lunch sponsors should there be a hold or recall on any USDA Foods. In September, a recipient self-update email was sent to everyone listed as a contact in Send Word Now. Everyone receiving the email was supposed to verify whether their information was correct and make any necessary changes. Unfortunately, we did not have a good response to the emails. It is important that your contact information with us is correct should there be a hold or recall on USDA Foods.

Watch for an email from Send Word Now in January 2014. You will be asked to verify your information again. Please respond to this email as soon as you receive it. It is not Spam.



AVAILABLE USDA FOODS LIST UPDATE

The following USDA Foods are still available for school year 2013-14:

Cheese Cheddar Y	\$64.82
Mozzarella LMPS	\$60.74
Mozzarella Lite	\$ 60.51
Eggs Frz.	\$ 31.82
Diced Chicken	\$100.27
Chicken Fajita Strips	\$ 57.14
Turkey Deli Meat	\$ 72.42
Pork Leg Rsts	\$ 62.14
Ham	\$ 63.26
Ham Slc	\$ 77.34
Cherries Cnd	\$ 33.70
Blueberries Frz	\$ 25.07
Corn Cnd	\$ 16.74
Sweet Potatoes Mashed	\$ 30.27
Tomato Paste	\$ 21.50
Tomato Sauce	\$ 12.16
Corn Frz.	\$ 16.55
Peas Frz.	\$ 19.25
Carrots Frz.	\$ 14.61
Potato Wedges	\$ 16.16
Vegetable Oil	\$ 29.35
Rice	\$ 29.86
Macaroni WG	\$ 7.48
Pancakes Frz.	\$ 9.02
Tortillas WG	\$ 18.04
Chicken Patty Tenders	\$ 20.51

Send your requests for additional cases to juwilson@mt.gov by December 20, 2013. Be sure and check for any previous requests before submitting

another one to avoid over-stocking your inventory.

SMARTER LUNCHROOMS

Studies from the Cornell University for Behavioral Economics (BEN) Center show that physical and social environment can influence food choices. The BEN Center research demonstrates that most of our food decisions are "mindless" meaning automatic or unthinking, and largely influenced by environment. The *Smarter Lunchrooms Movement* is designed to assist school foodservice staff with designing their cafeterias to influence students to make healthy food choices.

Choice Architecture is the strategy used to design school cafeterias that will nudge, not force, customers to make a particular choice. For information and resources about *Smarter Lunchroom Makeovers* visit the following web site: www.smarterlunchrooms.org.

SMARTER LUNCHROOM PILOT PROJECT

The OPI Montana Team Nutrition Program is looking for four Montana schools to participate in a Smarter Lunchroom pilot project. If you are interested in implementing Smarter Lunchroom techniques in your cafeteria, contact Katie Bark by phone at (406) 994-5641 or by email at kbark@mt.gov.